

REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and its entry is respectfully requested prior to payment of the Issue Fee. Claims 141, 144 and 145 have each been amended in the same respect. In this regard, the claim language has been changed from ". . . is non-distracting during tissue processing and slide preparation" to ". . . is non-distracting during tissue analysis." Thus, claims 141, 144 and 145 have been amended to recite language as recited in claims 152, 175 and 192 to be more accurate and consistent. This language is also supported, for example, on page 26, lines 10-11 of the present application.

Based, for example, on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, it is not believed that these amendments require any reconsideration of the allowance of these claims or any further examination. Moreover, the claim changes proposed in this Amendment are believed to place claims 141, 144 and 145 in better condition for issuance. Consideration and entry of this Amendment is therefore respectfully requested at this time.

If there is any additional matter that may be resolved by telephone or fax, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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